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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/29/02.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) 2-16, 19-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 4, 17/8, 41-47 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) 1-47 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Pri rity under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 12

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Other _____

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Receipt is acknowledged of Declaration IDD Amendment, change of address
(8/29/02).

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 2-16, 19-40 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in Paper No. 8.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 17, 18, 41-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. It has come to the attention of examiner that the claim 1 is not enabled; the specification suggests as examiner is familiar with, formation of poly-urethanes from polyols, but claim 1 requires only a vinyl compound, no oL at all, thus would not result in a polyurethane.

Claims 1, 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wang et al '98.

The rejection of record is maintained.

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Claims 1, 41-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stovicek-5084096.

The rejection of record is maintained.

Claims 1, 17, 18, 41-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klesse et al 6194530 in view of Stovicek and further in view of Imazato et al 5408022 and Green et al 3931319.

The rejection of record is maintained.

Applicant's arguments filed on 8/19/02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments are persuasive as to 112 rejections, but reconsideration of claim versus specification reveals a scope problem. As to the anticipation rejections, applicants' arguments that the claimed invention is not there are not persuasive. The instant claim 1 is to a derived polymer with certain capabilities; the prior art as cited 5/13/02 met these products and capabilities as to the obviousness, Klesse is at least as good as applicants claimed poly urethane, in the poly active hydrogen mode, requiring no polyols; as far as examiner can determine. The reference would be known and within the purview of one in the art to utilize the advantages thereof.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is (703) 308-2412. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jose Dees can be reached on (703) 308-4628. The fax phone numbers for

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the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4556 for regular communications and (703) 872-9307 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.



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